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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6021

BILL NUMBER: HB 1769

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 4, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Veterans' burial allowance.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Richardson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill permits counties to set the amount of the veterans' burial allowance up to \$1,000.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* This bill would allow counties to set the payment for a veteran's burial allowance up to \$1,000. The payment would not be tied to any specific service, care, or burial plot purchase. Since this provision would increase the maximum amount that counties may specify for payment in an ordinance, the actual fiscal impact would depend on local action. Burial claims are paid from the county general fund.

Background: Under current law, counties may pay up to \$100 for the care of a body and up to \$25 for a burial plot in the event of the death of an active duty service person or a veteran, or their spouse or widow(er). The total payment for care and a burial plot may not exceed \$100.

According to the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, approximately 15,000 veterans die each year in Indiana.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

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